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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Nishikawa, et al.) Group Art Unit 2674
Appl. No. : 09/470,377)
Filed : December 22, 1999)
For : TOUCH-OPERATING INPUT)
DEVICE, DISPLAY SYSTEM,)
AND TOUCH-OPERATION)
ASSISTING METHOD FOR)
TOUCH-OPERATING INPUT)
Examiner : R. Laneau)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 15 and 19 without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 7, 9-14, and 20 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A touch-operating input device comprising a display device for displaying operation function items and a touch panel which is provided separately from the display device and which is for selecting the function items by touch operation, wherein a touch-operation guide shape is formed on the touch-operation face of said touch panel, said touch-operating device further comprising control means for controlling said display device to display an image representing the touch-operation guide shape, the image being overlapped with the operation function items.